

HOUSE RESOLUTION 8  
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rebecca Jones for her exemplary community service and her commitment to improving the lives of those with diabetes.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should pause to honor those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, selflessly serve others and who have distinguished themselves as estimable public servants dedicated to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly finds it exceedingly alarming that 18.2 million Americans are plagued by diabetes, a disease that affects males and females of all age groups and ethnicities, and genders; and

WHEREAS, as the fifth deadliest disease in the United States, the General Assembly recognizes the need for networks of community support and programs designed to promote the education and well-being of citizens affected by this disease; and

WHEREAS, a resident of Roane County, Rebecca Jones has taken an active role in the betterment of the lives of her friends and neighbors and indeed all Tennesseans; she has been especially diligent in her efforts to improve the lives of those with the chronic and potentially debilitating disease known as diabetes; and

WHEREAS, since Rebecca Jones's founding of the Roane County Diabetic Support Group in 1993, an accomplishment of which she is most proud, she has continued to promote the organization and inform Tennesseans about the needs and care of diabetics; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Jones's enthusiasm, motivation, and dedication to improving the lives of others has inspired her to educate the public about diabetes through newspaper articles, radio and television appearances, and demonstrations at health fairs; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Rebecca Jones has garnered much positive attention and many accolades for the Roane County Diabetic Support Group; some of her many accomplishments include appearing on television with a local celebrity chef while preparing diabetic meals, and personally delivering to the United States Congress more than 2,000 collected signatures requesting more government funding for diabetes research; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these wonderful achievements on behalf of the those with diabetes, Rebecca Jones has extended her talents in support of other civic endeavors, including the annual Relay For Life, which benefits the American Cancer Society, and in support of Hooray for Harriman, an organization committed to cooperation, growth, development, and progress in the surrounding communities of Roane County; and

WHEREAS, for her outstanding and dutiful service to the Roane County Diabetic Support Group, Rebecca Jones was duly recognized by *Successful Living* magazine; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Jones has also received recognition from the Rockwood Care and Rehabilitation Center, and from the Harriman community, which selected her to serve as Grand Marshall for the Harriman Christmas Parade in 2003; and

WHEREAS, seldom does a person of Rebecca Jones's virtue and stature walk among us, and it is fitting that she should be specially recognized for her life of service and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we extend to Rebecca Jones, a woman of profound determination, rare diligence, and passionate commitment, our heartfelt thanks for her service to the people of Tennessee, commend her for her exemplary participation in a multitude of laudable civic organizations, and offer our best wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.